R315. Environmental Quality, Solid and Hazardous Waste.

R315-317. Other Processes, Variances, [and ] Violations, and Petition for Rule Change.

R315-317-2. Variances.

- (1) Variances will be granted by the Board only to the extent allowed under Federal law.
- (2) Any owner or operator of a solid waste facility may apply to the Board for a variance from any portion of Rules R315-301 through 320 except as specified in Subsection R315-317-2(1). The application shall be accompanied by such information as the Executive Secretary may require. All applications for a variance shall be subject to the public comment requirements of Subsection R315-311-3. The Board may grant such variance, if it finds that:
- (a) the solid waste handling practices or location do not endanger [public] human health[, safety,] or the environment; and
- (b) the application of, or compliance with, any requirement of Rules R315-301 through 320 would cause undue or unreasonable hardship to any person; and
- (c) circumstances of the solid waste disposal site location, operating procedures, or other conditions indicate that the purpose and intent of Rules R315-301 through 320 as well as other state and federal regulations can be achieved without strict adherence to all of the requirements.
- (3) If a variance is granted by the Board under Section R315-317-2 for a period longer than one year, the variance shall contain a timetable for coming into compliance and shall be conditioned on adherence to that timetable.

## R315-317-4. Petition for Rule Change.

- (1) The requirements of Section R315-317-4 shall apply to a petition for:
  - (a) making a new rule;
    - (b) amending, repealing, or repealing and reenacting and existing rule;
    - (c) amending a proposed rule;
    - (d) allowing a proposed rule or change in proposed rule to lapse; or
      - (e) any combination of the above.
  - (2) Petition Procedure and Form.
- (a) The petition shall be addressed and delivered to the Executive Secretary.
- (b) The petition shall follow the requirements of Rule R15-2-3 through 5. follow the requirements of Rule R15-2-3 through 5.

Adds section that explains the procedure to petition the Executive Secretary for a rule change

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